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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Applicant(s): Heller et al.
Title: Integrated Lancing and Measurement Device and Analyte Measuring Methods
Application No.: 10/629,348 Filing Date: 7/28/03
Examiner: Unknown Group Art Unit: 3737
Docket No.: THER.015US6 Conf. No.: 6348

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate – 1 page);
- (3) Preliminary Amendment (8 pages); and
- (4) Check for \$432.00.



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Petition for Extension of Time						\$
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Entry of this preliminary amendment prior to a first examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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